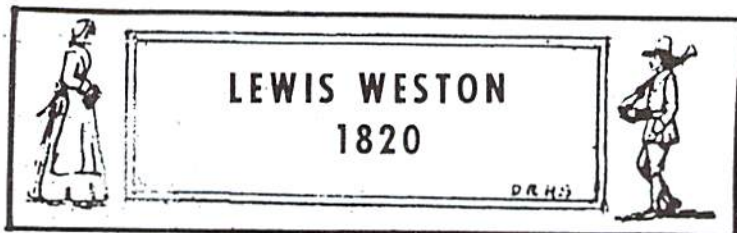


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Joseph Weston had a large farm and a large family on the west side of the highway leading to Marshfield and just north of the mill pond. He died in 1813 and two years later his extensive holdings were divided among his children.

To Lewis, seventh among ten children, fell a share of the homestead farm between his father's house and the mill brook. He was 24 years old, single, and probably stayed on in the family house to help his mother provide for three younger children, until 1820, when in anticipation of his marriage, he built a seven room two story house, opposite the home of his sister, Mercy Swift.

On April 1, 1821, Lewis Weston and Hannah Churchill of Plympton were married. The house he brought his bride to was not as large as the old Weston house, but built in the new Federal style, in a neighborhood of capes and two story farmhouses, it was an imposing modern house.

There was only one daughter, Rebecca, in this Weston family. There was only one grandchild, who died in infancy. Rebecca's marriage did not turn out well and the fine new house knew troubles. Lewis died in the summer of 1864 and Hannah lived on alone for 16 years. The house was rented for a while for the benefit of Rebecca and then came a succession of owners who made few changes in the place. At one time two families lived here, one on each floor. Somewhere along the line an older building was moved on to the rear, a shed sort of addition. Some improvements were made but none that altered the original plans to any extent.

The acreage has changed over the years, the barn is long gone, but the old house has lost none of its original dignity. The present owner, Russell Seaver, has a comfortable home north of the mill pond, on the west side of the highway leading to Marshfield, the house Lewis Weston built in 1820.

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